



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL STEVEN L. BASHAM

Colonel Steven L. Basham is commander of the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, La. He is responsible for providing B-52 aircraft, aircrews and associated support personnel and resources to conduct global bomber operational taskings. Additionally, as the installation commander, he supports 40 tenants including Headquarters 8th Air Force and the 917th Wing and promotes the welfare of over 9,400 military and civilian personnel, 6,200 family members and 25,000 retirees.

Colonel Basham, was the former vice commander of the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. In this position he assisted with overseeing operations involving the wing's fleet of B-52H bombers providing rapid-response, combat-ready force in support of United States Strategic Command and theater Combatant Command operations.



A 1989 graduate of Officer Training School, Colonel Basham served as chief of the combat plans division for the 607th Air Operations Center, Osan Air Base, Republic of South Korea. He has held numerous staff and flying assignments, to include commanding the 393rd Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo., the director of operations for the 325th Bomb Squadron at Whiteman AFB, as well as the director of staff for the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB.

Colonel Basham is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours culminating as a B-1 instructor pilot, B-2 instructor and evaluator pilot, and B-52 pilot. He flew the first B-2 combat mission as well as multiple 30-hour B-2 sorties from Missouri to Serbia and back during Operation ALLIED FORCE. He also served as director of operations for the first combat deployment of the B-2 during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

#### EDUCATION:

1987 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology, Western Kentucky University, Ky.

1996 Squadron Officer School (Distinguished Graduate), Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1997 Master of Arts in Management, Webster University, Mo.

2001 Master of Arts in Strategic Studies, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB

2002 Master of Arts in Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB

2005 Air War College (non-resident), Maxwell AFB

2007 Master of Arts in Strategic Studies, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. February 1989 - February 1990, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. March 1990 - July 1990, student, B-1 Combat Crew Training Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
3. August 1990 - April 1994, B-1B pilot, aircraft commander, T-38 pilot, 46th Bomb Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.
4. April 1994 - April 1995, B-1B instructor pilot, 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
5. April 1995 - August 1998, B-2 pilot, mission commander, instructor pilot, evaluator pilot, chief of scheduling, chief of standards & evaluations, 393rd Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB
6. August 1998 - June 1999, flight commander, 394th Combat Training Squadron, Whiteman AFB
7. June 1999 - June 2000, executive officer, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB
8. June 2000 - June 2001, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB
9. July 2001 - June 2002, student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB
10. September 2002 - May 2004, Director of Operations, 325th Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB
11. June 2004 - April 2006, Commander, 393rd Bomb Squadron, Whiteman AFB
12. April 2006 - June 2006, Director of Staff, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB
13. June 2006 - June 2007, student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
14. June 2007 - July 2008, Chief, combat plans division, 607th Air Operations Center, Osan AB, Republic of South Korea
15. July 2008 – March 2009, Vice Commander, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB
16. March 2009 – present, Commander, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 3,300

Aircraft Flown: B-52, B-2, B-1, T-38, T-37

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Distinguished Flying Cross

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant Jan. 27, 1989

First Lieutenant Jan. 27, 1991

Captain Jan. 27, 1993

Major July 1, 1999

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2002

Colonel Aug. 1, 2007

(Current as of March 2009)